

CATHOLIC RACE IS FREE-FOR-ALL

La Salle Only Team That Hasn't a Look-In for Basketball Championship

Was there ever a race like the Catholic League basketball struggle this season? With the fight nearly over, every team in the league with the exception of La Salle has a chance to win the cup, and what's more all of the teams think that they will win the honors.

St. Joseph's Prep, last year's champs, at present are in a tie with Villanova Prep and Catholic High for the lead, and West Catholic is a half game behind the leaders, but the Western boys have one game more to play than the other three.

Last season, the first of the Catholic League, St. Joseph's Prep enjoyed a walk away. This season was one of sports. St. Joseph's opened the season by trimming Catholic High, and West Catholic in quick succession. Villanova Prep kept up with St. Joseph's by

defeating Catholic High and La Salle. Then it looked as if the race would be a struggle between the Main Liners and St. Joseph's Prep. After defeating La Salle Prep, St. Joseph's Prep was well-loped by the Villanova five, and then it looked like a cinch for the Main Liners. Then came the second upset. West Catholic defeated Villanova on the Main Liner's own court, thus raising the hopes of St. Joseph's again. Here is where the Catholic High five stepped into the limelight. They defeated La Salle Prep, West Catholic and St. Joseph's Prep in the course of two weeks, giving Villanova the lead again. St. Joseph's turned the tables on Villanova Prep and defeated the Main Liners decisively in the Stiles street "gym," thus making a tie between Villanova and St. Joseph's for the lead.

But Catholic High also stepped into that tie the following day by defeating La Salle Prep for the second time.

St. Joseph's Prep will meet La Salle Prep this week and the final league game for them will take place next Monday when they will meet West Catholic.

Villanova Prep has two hard games yet to play. This week it will meet the Catholic High five on the Catholic High court, and the West Catholic quintet will be played at the K. of C. Hall Wednesday next.

Catholic High has yet to meet Villanova and West Catholic. The Cahillites will play West Catholic on March 5 at the Armory at Forty-first and Mantua streets.

West Catholic has yet three games

to play, Catholic High and St. Joseph's Prep. The game with St. Joseph's Prep was originally scheduled for February 9, but was postponed until February 23.

Eddie Murphy, the fast forward and foul tosser of the St. Joseph's five, will be lost to the team for the rest of the season, because of scholastic difficulties, thus leaving St. Joseph's without a foul shooter. This is the first case of ineligibility in the league, and may prove disastrous to the St. Joseph five, yet the prep lads still have Marty Kane, who has proved himself to be a valuable asset to the prep five.

Eddie Shevlin Finishes Pupil
Boston, Mass., Feb. 23.—Eddie Shevlin, the Dartmouth boxing master, gave another lesson yesterday. But whether his pupil, Young Scott, of Allentown, Pa., will profit by his instruction, remains to be seen. At any rate, Eddie gave him a fraternal lesson, putting him away about the middle of the second round.

Pell Retains Racquet Title
New York, Feb. 23.—Charles C. Pell, of the New York Racquet and Tennis Club, retained his title of national amateur racquet champion by defeating his clubmate, Stanley G. Mortimer, in the final match of the tournament here. The scores, 15-6, 12-15, 8-15, 15-6, 15-6.

Giant Rookie Signs
New York, Feb. 23.—The Giants have received the signed contract of Leo Kaus, an infielder purchased last fall from the Hartford team. Kaus is one of the five rookie second basemen who will get a tryout at the training camp at San Antonio.

HEYDLER RESENTS ATTACKS ON LANDIS

National League Head Issues Statement Criticizing Men Who Seek Impeachment

New York, Feb. 23.—Expressing the belief that "in due time Judge Landis will devote all of his talent and energy to baseball," John A. Heydler, president of the National League, issued a statement here today criticizing the men who seek his impeachment.

Judge Landis' decision to remain on the bench, he said, was that of the judge himself and "not by request of the baseball people."

After asserting that Representative Welby, author of the impeachment resolution, had failed to make plain that the decision of the Federal District Court, in Washington, in declaring baseball a combination in violation of the Sherman act, had been reversed by the Court of Appeals, President Heydler added that baseball had been fighting for a score of years to have its

status definitely established by the United States Supreme Court.

Baseball men contended, he explained, that baseball does not constitute trade or commerce, that the game is not a trade, but a sport, and that the reserve clause in the players' contract is legal.

"As far as baseball is concerned, nothing that has been said in Congress will shake our determination to stand on the right course we have shaped, and we are confident that no one can successfully assail the Americanism, inherent honesty and fearlessness of the man baseball has chosen to perform a real public service."

ALL-SCHOLASTICS READY

Schoolboy Cage Stars Combined for Exhibition Games

The All-Scholastics, a basketball team composed of stars selected from local high schools represented in the Inter-scholastic League, has been formed and will play under the management of Emanuel Beloff. He has arranged for several games already and a number of other dates still are open.

Silver and Stevenson, respectively, star forwards of South Philadelphia High and West Philadelphia High; Elliott, West Philly High center, and Weinstein and Shane, South Philadelphia High and Northeast High guards, have been assigned to berths.

Games have been arranged to date

with Lancaster High, Fifth Avenue High School, of Wheeling, W. Va.; Washington, D. C. High School and Tome School, of Port Deposit, Md. Manager Beloff, 2303 South Millred street, is negotiating for other games.

Tia Juana Track Closes
San Diego, Cal., Feb. 23.—James C. Kelly, president of the Junior California Jockey Club, has closed the Tia Juana track because of the heavy tolls exacted by the Mexican Government.

PLANS FOR SPHA NINE
Schedule Open for 1921 Competition on the Diamond

With the basketball schedule drawing to a close, plans for the 1921 baseball season have been started at the South Philadelphia Hebrew Association. After establishing a brilliant reputation as a traveling team for several seasons, S. P. H. A. will play home games this year.

Games are to be booked with Hilldale, Barbarach Giants, Cuban Stars, Parkersburg Iron Co., Baltimore Dry Docks, Sharpless and other aggregations of like caliber. E. Gottlieb again will manage the South Philly team, and he will be assisted by "Maury" Zinman.



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